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In re Continuation of PCT/CA00/00187 of:)
Robert LAMBERT et al.) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: February 26, 2000)
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR**)
FINITE FIELD BASIS)
CONVERSION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert a new paragraph as follows:

--This application is a continuation of international application number

PCT/CA00/00187, filed on February 28, 2000, and claims the benefit of Canadian

Patent Application Number 2,263,056, filed on February 26, 1999 the content of which
is incorporated herein by reference.--

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REMARKS

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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